

Cisco Chain of Lakes

Gogebic County, Michigan and Vilas County, Wisconsin

Size = 3,414 acres

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MDNR Fisheries Technicians, Brian Mulzer and Mark Mylchreest with a Cisco Chain muskellunge. Photo by Richard Harrison, MDNR.



A lake herring (cisco) from Thousand Island Lake of the Cisco Chain. Photo by Arnold Abrahamson, MDNR.

Survey Summary

Surveyed April 2002 through February 2003

Effort: 445 fyke-net lifts, 16 electrofishing runs

Species	Total catch	Length range (in)	Average length (in)
Yellow perch	41,800	3.2–12.6	7.7
Walleyes	11,010	4.8–29.8	14.4
Northern pike	3,979	6.4–34.7	18.2
Bluegill	3,311	1.7–11.8	7.0
Black crappie	1,414	2.0–14.0	9.4
Rock bass	1,035	3.0–10.4	7.1
Pumpkinseed	894	2.9–11.9	6.2
Brown bullhead	801	2.3 13.6	9.1
Largemouth bass	115	3.1–19.7	13.4
Smallmouth bass	97	2.7–17.4	12.5
Golden shiner	89	3.0 6.5	4.8
White sucker	58	3.3–22.7	16.7
Muskellunge	49	8.5 53.0	31.1
Tiger Muskellunge	5	8.2 34.3	19.8
Creek chub	4	8.4 8.6	8.5
Mottled sculpin	4	3.0–4.4	3.6
Black bullhead	2	6.5–8.4	7.4
Central mudminnow	2	3.0–4.1	3.6
Lake herring	2	–	–

Detailed information on abundance, growth, and mortality of walleyes, northern pike, and muskellunge in the Cisco Chain of lakes will be available soon. For information on harvest of these species, please refer to the [Creel Survey Estimates](#).